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Offender Watch: Sex Offender Tracking

The Paulding County Sheriff's Office: <u>OffenderWatch®</u> a sex offender mapping and alerting service aids citizens in avoiding dangerous homes.

(Paulding County, GA) In Paulding County, there are approximately 216 registered sex offenders. With summer around the corner we encourage citizens to review our website to see which of these offenders live around them. The mapping and address feature found on the website pinpoints exactly where an offender lives and citizens can even sign up for automatic email alerts should an offender move close within any address they register (radius is specified upon registration).

"The benefit of registering for this confidential e-mail alert service allows us to monitor your important addresses for you, thereby keeping you up to date of newly registered offenders and making it unnecessary for you to have to check your important addresses daily or even weekly. You can register any and all of the addresses where your children spend a lot of time, for example friends, grandparents, or babysitters addresses" says Sheriff Gary Gulledge. The alerts are in real-time and sent out via e-mail as soon as a new offender has registered with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office.

The website for the Paulding County Sheriff's Office is http://www.paulding.gov/sheriff. Citizens should click on the link "Sex Offender Registry" and look for the "Offender Watch" tab. Once you click

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on the Offender Watch tab, follow the instructions to check their neighborhood and sign up to receive e-mail alerts. Also be sure to check out our safety tips with many topics to review helping you and your family understand what you can do to help stay safe.

Sheriff Gulledge encourages everyone to have a safe and fun summer. Knowledge is power and knowing where the registered sex offenders reside in your area can help you make the best choices for safe and enjoyable summer activities.

For further information, please call the Paulding County Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Registry at (770) 445-6105.

